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REMARKS

In the Office Communication mailed December 2, 2004, the Examiner identified the following eight species (A to H) of the claimed invention:

- Species A: Figures 3A-E, 4A-B; Claims 1-8, 11-19, and 22-28;
- Species B: Figures 3A-E, 5A; Claims 1-9, 11-20, and 22-29;
- Species C: Figures 3A-E, 5B; Claims 1-8, 11-19, and 22-28;
- Species D: Figures 3A-E, 5C; Claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-28, and 30;
- Species E: Figures 6A-B, 5C; Claims 1-8, 10-19, and 22-28;
- Species F: Figures 7A-D;
- Species G: Figures 8A-D; and
- Species H: Figures 9A-E.

The Examiner issued a requirement that Applicant elect a single species under 35 U.S.C. 121.

By this paper, Applicant elects **Species "A."** Applicant, however, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the foregoing grouping of the species. In particular, Applicant respectfully requests that Species A-E be grouped as a single species and be examined as such, for reasons stated below. No claims are canceled by this election.

Figures 3A-E, 4A-B, 5A-C, and 6A-B Should be Grouped Together

Applicant notes that claims 1-30 relate to a vertical movement member that is rotatable between first and second orientations for lifting and lowering of a slideout. Figures 3A-E show a cam assembly which is one embodiment of such a rotatable vertical movement member. Figures 4A-B show more detailed views of one embodiment of such a cam assembly, and Figures 5A-C show various embodiments of actuators that can cause the rotation of the cam. Thus, Figures 3A-E, 4A-B, and 5A-C show various embodiments of the cam assembly for lifting and lowering of the slideout. Claims 10, 21, and 30 have been amended so that their respective dependencies reflect such different ways of actuating the rotatable vertical movement member.

Applicant further notes that Figures 6A-B show another embodiment of the rotatable vertical movement member (i.e., a different embodiment than that shown in Figures 3A-E). Thus, Applicant believes that the independent claims 1, 11, and 22 cover Figures 3A-E and Figures 6A-B (and also the details shown in Figures 4A-B and 5A-C).

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that Species A-E be grouped as a single species, and be examined as such.

Summary

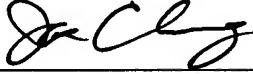
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that this Application is now in a condition ready for examination on the merits. Should there be any impediment to the allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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